UNITED STATES SHIP L.S.T. #204 Monday (Day) 20 (Date) December (Month), 1943

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Midnight to 0400

Underway in Huon Gulf, in position four (4) in column of L.S.Ts; L.S.T. #18 as guide. Base course 168° (T) at 9.5 knots. So to end of watch.

Lt(jg) R. M. Lazarus

Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

0400 to 0800

Underway as before in position four (4), in column of L.S.Ts on base course 168° (T). 0500 C/B/C to 119° (T). 0545 C/B/C to 158° (T). 0732 C/B/C to 152° (T). So to end of watch.

Lt (j.g) F.F. Piggins

Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

0800 to Meridian

Underway, in position four (4), in column of L.S.Ts on base course 152° (T). 1040 C/B/C to 155° (T). 1043 C/B/S to one-third ahead. 1105 Proceeding on various courses and speeds to anchorage off Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 1130 Inspected magazines and smokeless powder samples; condition found dry and normal. 1132 Let fall bow anchor. Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea in nineteen (19) fathoms of water to forty-five (45) fathoms of bow anchor chain to the following true anchor bearings: White marker on shore N.W. 300° (T). White marker on shore West of anchorage 288° (T). So to end of watch.

G W Yeoman

Lt. (jg) G. W. Yeoman

Meridian to 1600

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea in nineteen (19) fathoms of water to forty-five (45) fathoms of bow anchor chain. The following men were found to have U.S. Gov't property unlawfully in their possession: WADE, Earl E. (517-241) Sea 1c, One Pair shoes. WEITZEL, Joseph W. (546-733) Sea 1c, One pair shoes. BOBIAK, Hubert (231-160) F. 2c, One pair shoes, BENTREWITZ, Zigmund (521-456) MoMM 2c, One pair shoes. COLLINS, Bernard J. (545-009) Sea 1c, One pair shoes. McGINTY, Thomas J. (224-589) R.M. 2c, One pair shoes. One Carbine rifle. CHOLEWINSKI, Theodore J. (224-766) S.M. 2c, One pair shoes. GLICK, Seymour (577-287) F. 2c, one rifle, one carbine. So to end of watch.

Lt. (j.g) F.F. Piggins

Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

1600 to 2000

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea as before. 1745 Preparations being made to get underway. 1758 Anchors aweigh. Steering various courses and speeds to beach. 1830 Let fall stern anchor Beached at Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Bow doors opened. Ramp lowered. So to end of watch.

Lt (j.g) F.F. Piggins

Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

2000 to Midnight

Beached at Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 2345 All reported secure about ship. Watch uneventful.

Lt (jg) W E Gavin

Lt. (jg) W. E. Gavin

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UNITED STATES SHIP L.S.T. #204 Tuesday (Day) 21 (Date) December (Month), 19 43

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Midnight to 0400

Beached at Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 0300 Yellow alert. Ship totally blacked out. 0400 All clear. So to end of watch.

Ens. M. G. Riddell
Ens. M. G. Riddell

0400 to 0800

Beached at Cape Sudest, New Guinea as before. 0600 Called all hands, began carrying out routine of the day. Mooring lines checked frequently. So to end of watch.

Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

0800 to Meridian

Beached as before, Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 0800 All hands to muster. Executed morning colors. All present or accounted for. 1130 Inspected magazines and smokeless powder samples; condition found dry and normal. So to end of watch. CHOLEWINSKI, Theo. J. (224-766) S.M. 2c this date placed on report for failure to show up at muster.

Lt (j.g) F. F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

Meridian to 1600

Beached as before, Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 1310 L.C.V. with SCHIFFEL, Kenneth J. (551-349) Sea 1c as boat tender, departed for Oro Bay, New Guinea. So to end of watch.

Ens. E. F. New

1600to 2000

Beached at Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Executed evening colors on time. So to end of watch.

Lt (j.g) F. F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

2000 to Midnight

Beached at Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 2025 Received four (4) Fifty (50) Caliber air cooled machine guns aboard. 2345 All reported secure about ship. So to end of watch.

Ens. M. G. Riddell
Ens. M. G. Riddell

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UNITED STATES SHIP L.S.T. #204 Wednesday (Day) 22 (Date) December (Month), 19 43

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Midnight to 0400

Beached at Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Mooring lines checked frequently. Watch uneventful.

Lt (jg) R Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

0400 to 0800

Beached as before, Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 0600 Called all hands, commenced carrying out the routine of the day. Checked mooring lines frequently. So to end of watch.

Lt. (j.g.) F.F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

0800 to Meridian

Beached at Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Made morning colors. All hands to quarters for muster. All hands present or accounted for. All hands turn to in regular routine of the day. 1130 Inspected magazines and smokeless powder samples; condition found dry and normal. So to end of watch.

E. F. New
Ens. E. F. New

Meridian to 1600

Beached at Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 1230 L.C.V. #496 E came alongside to be hoisted in starboard davits. The following named men reported aboard for transportation to temporary duty: T/4 SHERER, Harman E. (14073712), PFC KIRKBRIDE, Frank B. (35401742), T/5 TURNER, Robert L. (34259638), Pvt. BLUMMER, Marvin A. (36733237), Pvt. RUYMAN, Walter A. (32059545), T/5 FORNEY, Charles L. (37661246), T/S MACEK, Frank S. (3648152). Authority: Lieut. Levy, U.S. Army, Co. C 591 Engineers. 1305 Low pressure evaporator brought aboard for use aboard this ship. Preparations being made to get underway. 1320 Heave in stern anchor. 1325 Retracted from beach, underway on various courses and speeds to anchorage off Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 1410 Let fall bow anchor. Anchored in seventeen (17) fathoms of water to forty-five (45) fathoms of bow anchor chain to the following true anchor bearings: Point of Land, Northwest 322° (T), and Tree bearing 256° (T). So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) W E Gavin
Lt. (jg) W. E. Gavin

1600 to 2000

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea in seventeen (17) fathoms of water to forty-five fathoms (45) of bow anchor chain. 1924 Executed evening colors. Checked anchor bearings regularly. So to end of watch.

Ens. M. G. Riddell
Ens. M. G. Riddell

2000 to Midnight

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea as before. Anchor bearings checked frequently. All reported secure about ship. Watch uneventful.

Lt (jg) R Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

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UNITED STATES SHIP L.S.T. #204 Thursday (Day) 23 (Date) December (Month), 1943

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Midnight to 0400

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea, in seventeen (17) fathoms of water to forty-five (45) fathoms of bow anchor chain. Anchor bearings checked regularly. So to end of watch.

Lt (j.g.) F.F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

0400 to 0800

Anchored as before, off Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 0600 Called all hands, began the in port routine. 0755 All hands to muster, All present or accounted for. So to end of watch.

E. F. New
Ens. E. F. New

0800 to Meridian

Anchored, Cape Sudest, New Guinea in seventeen (17) fathoms of water to forty-five (45) fathoms of bow anchor chain. Executed morning colors. Secured muster, all hands turn to daily routine of the day. 1130 Inspected magazines and smokeless powder samples; condition found dry and normal. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) W E Gavin
Lt. (jg) W. E. Gavin

Meridian to 1600

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 1500 Preparations being made to get underway. 1530 Set special sea detail. 1555 Anchors aweigh. Underway on various courses and speeds to join convoy. Secured special sea detail, set the sea watch.

Ens. M. G. Riddell
Ens. M. G. Riddell

1600 to 2000

Underway on various courses and speeds to join formation of L.S.Ts. Base course set at 000° (T). 1620 Assumed position three (3) in formation of L.S.Ts in single column astern of L.S.T. #22. Base speed at Standard. 1700 C/B/C to 300° (T). 1715 C/B/C to 310° (T). 1728 Formation turned 90° to starboard. 1730 Formation turned 90° (T) to port. Steadying on 310° (T). 1742 C/B/C to 334° (T). 1800 C/B/C to 340° (T). 1825 C/B/C to 333° (T). So to end of watch.

Lt (j.g.) F.F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

2000 to Midnight

Underway in formation of L.S.Ts, in position three (3) in single column on base course 333° (T) 2200 C/B/C to 344° (T). All reported secure about ship. So to endof watch.

G W Yeoman
Lt. (jg) G. W. Yeoman

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UNITED STATES SHIP L.S.T. #204 Friday 24 December, 1943
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Midnight to 0400

Underway in Huon Gulf, in formation of L.S.Ts, our position three (3) in section one (1) guiding on L.S.T. #452. Base course 344° (T), speed at 9.5 knots. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) R M Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

0400 to 0800

Underway as before in formation of L.S.Ts, position three (3) section one (1), on base course 344° (T). 0435 C/B/S to one-third ahead. 0620 C/B/C to 017° (T). 0700 Steering various courses and speeds to beach. 0725 Beached at Kwalansam Plantation, Huon Peninsula, New Guinea. 0728 Opened bow doors. Lowered ramp. So to end of watch.

Lt (j.g.) F.F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

0800 to Meridian

Beached at Kwalansam Plantation, Huon Peninsula, New Guinea. 0940 L.C.T. #391 Moored along side to port, for fuel and water. 1050 L.C.T. #391 Completed taking on 700 Gallons fuel oil and 600 Gallons water. 1053 L.C.T. #391 Cast off all lines and departed. 1110 L.C.T. #371 Moored along starboard side. 1130 Completed transfer of 300 Gallons of water. L.C.T. #371 cast off all lines and got underway. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) W E Gavin
Lt. (jg) W. E. Gavin

Meridian to 1600

Beached as before at Kwalansam Plantation, Huon Peninsula, New Guinea. Loading cargo. Watch uneventful.

Lt (jg) R M Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

1600 to 2000

Beached, Kwalansam Plantation, Huon Peninsula, New Guinea. Continuing to load cargo. Watch uneventful.

Ens. M. G. Riddell
Ens. M. G. Riddell

2000 to Midnight

Beached as before at Kwalansam Plantation, Huon Peninsula, New Guinea. 2005 Red Alert. All hands to General Quarters. 2014 All clear. Secured from General quarters. 2345 All reported secure about ship. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) W E Gavin
Lt. (jg) W. E. Gavin

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UNITED STATES SHIP L.S.T. #204 Saturday (Day) 25 (Date) December (Month), 1943

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Midnight to 0400

Beached at Kwalansam Plantation, Huon Peninsula, New Guinea. Continuing to load cargo. Watch uneventful.

Lt(jg) F.F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

0400 to 0800

Beached as before at Kwalansam Plantation, Huon Peninsula, New Guinea. 0515 Red Alert. All hands to General Quarters. 0610 Secured from General Quarters. All clear. Continuing to load cargo. 0755 All hands to muster. All present or accounted for. So to end of watch.

E. F. New
Ens. E. F. New

0800 to Meridian

Beached at Kwalansam Plantation, Huon Peninsula, New Guinea. Continue loading cargo. Executed morning colors. 1020 Commenced taking aboard U.S. Marine troops. 1145 Making preparations to get underway. 1130 Set special sea detail. Inspected magazines and smokeless powder samples; condition found dry and normal. Tested flood cocks and sprinkler system. All in proper working order. 1150 All troops and cargo aboard. So to end of watch.

Ens. M. G. Riddell
Ens. M. G. Riddell

Meridian to 1600

Beached at Kwalansam Plantation, Huon Peninsula, New Guinea. 1206 Heave in stern anchor. 1213 Retracted from beach. Underway on various courses and speeds to anchorage. 1225 Let fall bow anchor. 1230 Anchored off Cape Cretin, New Guinea in sixteen (16) fathoms of water to thirty (30) fathoms of bow anchor chain. 1315 P.C. #479 along side to starboard to receive fresh water. 1420 Completed transfer to P.C. #479 of 1500 Gallons fresh water. P.C. #479 Cast off and departed. 1425 Heave around on bow anchor. 1430 Underway on course 084° (T) at full speed to join echelon of L.S.Ts. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) R M Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

1600 to 2000

Underway on base course 084° at full speed to attain position in echelon of L.S.Ts. 1615 Formed in position three, (3) section two (2), in column open order guiding on L.S.T. #18. 1655 Set base speed at eight (8) knots. 1752 C/B/C to 324° (T). 1900 Sounded General Quarters. 1901 All guns manned and ready. So to end of watch.

Lt(jg) F.F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

2000 to Midnight

Underway in formation of L.S.Ts on base course 324° (T), in position three (3), section two (2) guiding on L.S.T. #18. 2345 All reported secure about ship. Watch uneventful.

G W Yeoman
Lt. (jg) G. W. Yeoman

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UNITED STATES SHIP L.S.T. #204 Sunday 26 December, 19 43
(Day) (Date) (Month)

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Midnight to 0400

Underway in formation of L.S.Ts in position three (3), section two (2) on base course 324° (T). All hands at General Quarters. 0010 C/B/C to 000° (T). 0020 C/B/C to 015° (T). 0030 C/B/C to 032° (T). 0047 C/B/C to 005° (T). 0100 C/B/C to 060° (T). 0118 C/B/C to 038° (T). 0130 C/B/C to 049° (T). 0230 C/B/C to 089° (T). C/B/S to eight knots (8). So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) R M Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

0400 to 0800

Underway in formation Of L.S.Ts as before in position three (3), section two (2) on base course 089° (T). 0730 C/B/C to 130° (T). 0750 C/B/C to 160° (T). 0753 C/B/C to 180° (T). So to end of watch.

Lt. (j.g) F.F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

0800 to Meridian

Underway in formation of L.S.Ts as before in position three (3), section two (2), on base course 180° (T). 0815 Proceeding on various courses and speeds to beach. 0850 Beached At Cape Gloucester, Borgen Bay, New Britain. Opened bow doors. Lowered ramp. Commenced discharging cargo and troops. All hands at General Quarters. Loaded aboard two ambulatory and one stretcher case of Marines. So to end of watch.

G W Yeoman
Lt. (jg) G. W. Yeoman

Meridian to 1600

Beached at Cape Gloucester, Borgen Bay, New Britain. Continuing to discharge cargo. 1335 All cargo and personnel unloaded. 1340 Retracted from beach, underway in Borgen Bay on various courses and speeds to form in formation of L.S.Ts. 1430 Sounded Red Alert. Enemy dive bombers in the vicinity. 1440 Attacked by two (2) enemy dive bombers. All our guns firing. 1450 Ceased firing. No damage or casualties inflicted by near misses. Total rounds expended: 1590 rounds of 50 Caliber, 240 rounds of 20 Millimeter, 11 Rounds of 3"50 Caliber. One short cartridge, 3"50 Caliber. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) R M Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

1600 to 2000

Underway in formation of L.S.Ts. 1650 Red Alert. Enemy aircraft in vicinity. 1700 Attacked by enemy bombers. 1710 Attacks ceased. So to end of watch.

Lt. (j.g) F.F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

2000 to Midnight

Underway in formation of L.S.Ts as before. 2012 C/B/C to 312° (T). 2130 C/B/C to 180° (T). 2349 C/B/C to 144° (T). All reported secure about ship. All hands at General Quarters. So to end of watch.

G W Yeoman
Lt. (jg) G. W. Yeoman

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Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP L.S.T. #204 Monday (Day) 27 (Date) December (Month), 1943

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Midnight to 0400

Underway in formation of L.S.Ts in section one (1), position three (3), guiding on L.S.T. #18 on base course 144° (T) at base speed ten (10) knots. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) R M Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

0400 to 0800

Underway as before, in position three (3), section one (1), on base course 144° (T). 0640 C/B/C to 216° (T). 0700 Secured from General Quarters set the Port Watch. WADE, Earl E. (517-241) Sea 1c, placed on report for leaving his post during General Quarters. So to end of watch.

Lt (j.g) F. F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

0800 to Meridian

Underway as before in formation of L.S.Ts. 0850 C/B/C to 159° (T). 0855 Sections assumed 600 yard interval at a distance of 400 yards. 1130 Inspected magazines and smokeless powder samples; condition found dry and normal. Watch uneventful.

G W Yeoman
Lt. (jg) G. W. Yeoman

Meridian to 1600

Underway in position three (3), section one (1), in formation of L.S.Ts on base course 159° (T). 1215 C/B/C to 153° (T). 1355 C/B/C to 115° (T). 1430 C/B/C to 174° (T). 1514 Mitre Rock abeam to starboard. Distance two miles. 1526 C/B/C to 151° (T). So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) R M Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

1600 to 2000

Underway in formation of L.S.T.s as before, in position three (3), section one (1) on base course 151° (T). 1645 Sections formed one eight (18). 1815 C/B/C to 146° (T). 1835 On various courses and speeds off Buna, New Guinea. 1855 Let fall bow anchor. 1900 Anchored in eighteen (18) fathoms of water to forty-five (45) fathoms of bow anchor chain, off Buna, New Guinea. Anchored to the following true bearings: Margaret Shoal marker 340° (T), Buna 4-Mile barge Buoy 174° (T), Dock on shore 217° (T). 1945 Making preparations for getting under way. Set special sea detail. 1955 Anchor aweigh. Underway on various courses and speeds off Buna, New Guinea. Manuevering to attain position in formation of L.S.Ts guiding on L.S.T #18. So to end of watch.

Lt (j-g) F. F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

2000 to Midnight

Underway as before on various courses and speeds toward anchorage. 2115 Let go bow anchor. Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea in twenty-two fathoms of water to sixty (60) fathoms of bow anchor chain, to the following true anchor bearings: Cluster of lights to W.S.W of anchorage 240° (T). Lights on hill S.S.W of anchorage 203° (T). Checked anchor bearings frequently. So to end of watch.

Lt (j.g.) F. F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

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UNITED STATES SHIP L.S.T. #204 Tuesday (Day) 28 (Date) December (Month), 1943

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Midnight to 0400

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea in twenty-two fathoms of water to sixty (60) fathoms of bow anchor chain to the following true bearings: Cluster of lights 240° (T), Light on Hill 203°.(T). Anchor bearings checked regularly.

Edw New
Ens. E. F. New

0400 to 0800

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea as before. 0625 Heaved around on bow anchor to short stay. 0645 Anchors aweigh. Underway, manuevering on various courses and speeds to beach. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) WE Gavin
Lt. (jg) W. E. Gavin

0800 to Meridian

Underway on various courses and speeds to beach. 0815 Let go stern anchor. 0820 Beached at range two (2), Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 0845 Secured special sea detail. 0915 Casualties taken ashore. 0915 Commenced loading cargo. So to end of watch. 1130 Inspected magazines and smokeless powder samples; condition found dry and normal.

Ens. M. G. Riddell
Ens. M. G. Riddell

Meridian to 1600

Beached at range two (2), Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Continuing to load cargo. The following men were placed on report for shirking duty, refusing to help unload stores: BENSCOTER, Henry F. (500-130) MoMM 1c, BENTREWITZ, Zigmund (521-456) MoMM 2c, EAGEN, Francis (233-134) CMoMM, CARTER, Henry T. (565-343) F. 2c, GLICK, Seymour (577-287) F. 2c, HYNES, Andrew P. (594-449) Sea 2c, MILLER, Donald D. (524-415) Sea 1c, REZZA, Joseph P. (595-191) F. 2c. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) R M Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

1600 to 2000

Beached at range two (2), Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Continue loading cargo. 1845 Preparations being made to get underway. 1945 Completed loading of cargo and personnel of U.S. Marine Corps. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) F. F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

2000 to Midnight

Beached at range two (2), Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Preparing to retract from beach. 2010 Hoisted ramp, closed bow doors. Pumped ballast aft. 2023 Commenced heaving around on stern anchor. 2100 Unable to clear beach. Secured sea detail. So to end of watch. 2345 All reported secure about ship.

Lt (jg) WE Gavin
Lt. (jg) W. E. Gavin

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UNITED STATES SHIP L.S.T. #204 Wednesday (Day) 29 (Date) December (Month), 19 43

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Midnight to 0400

Beached at range two (2), Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Awaiting high tide in order to clear beach. So to end of watch.

Ens M. G. Riddell
Ens. M. G. Riddell

0400 to 0800

Beached, range two (2), Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 0545 Tested bridge equipment. All in working order. 0555 Set special sea detail. 0600 Took in all lines. Pumping ballast aft. 0615 Using engines at various speeds to clear beach. 0700 Unable to clear beach. 0730 Towing line passed from L.S.T. #452. 0758 Began heaving on towline. Vessel clear of beach, Let go towline. 0759 Underway on various courses and speeds to anchorage. So to end of watch.

Lt. (j.g.) F. F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

0800 to Meridian

Underway as before, on various courses and speeds to anchorage. 0840 Let go bow anchor. Anchored in twenty-one (21) fathoms of water to sixty (60) fathoms of bow anchor chain. 0845 Secured special sea detail. Anchored to the following true bearings: White Marker on Beach 219° (T), Point of Land Northwest of vessel 299° (T), Mountain Peak, South of this ship 179° (T). 1130 Inspected magazines and smokeless powder samples; condition found dry and normal. So to end of watch.

Lt. (j.g.) F. F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

Meridian to 1600

Anchored in twenty-one (21) fathoms of water to sixty (60) fathoms of bow anchor chain. Checked anchor bearings regularly. Watch uneventful.

Ens. E. F. New

1600 to 2000

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea as before. Checked anchor bearings frequently. So to end of watch. 1900 Executed evening colors.

Lt. (jg) W. E. Gavin
Lt. (jg) W. E. Gavin

2000 to Midnight

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea in twenty-one (21) fathoms of water to sixty (60) fathoms of bow anchor chain. Checked anchor bearings regularly. So to end of watch.

Ens. M. G. Riddell
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UNITED STATES SHIP L.S.T. #204 Thursday (Day) 30 (Date) December (Month), 1943

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Midnight to 0400

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea in twenty-one (21) fathoms of water to thirty (30) fathoms of port anchor chain to the following true anchor bearings: White Marker on beach219° (T), Point of Land 299° (T); bearings checked regularly. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) R M Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

0400 to 0800

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea as before. 0600 Began routine of day. Watch uneventful.

Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

0800 to Meridian

Anchored, Cape Sudest, New Guinea in twenty-one (21) fathoms of water to thirty (30) fathoms of bow anchor chain. All hands to muster. All present or accounted for. Executed morning colors. 1130 Inspected magazines and smokeless powder samples; condition found dry and normal. So to end of watch.

E. F. New
Ens. E. F. New

Meridian to 1600

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Checked anchor bearings regularly. Watch uneventful.

Lt (jg) W E Gavin
Lt. (jg) W. E. Gavin

1600 to 2000

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Preparations being made to get underway. 1605 Heave around on bow anchor. Vessel lying to off Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 1620 Let fall bow anchor. Anchored in seventeen (17) fathoms of water to forty-five (45) fathoms of bow anchor chain. Anchored to the following true bearings: Point of Land 321° (T), Point of Land 180° (T), and Point of Land 301° (T). 1745 Heave around on bow anchor. Underway in single column on base course 335° (T). 1810 Our position five (5) in single column of L.S.Ts guiding on L.S.T #459. 1815 Formed column open order. 1830 C/B/C to 317° (T). 1900 On various courses and speeds approaching anchorage off Buna, New Guinea. 1915 Let fall bow anchor. 1920 Anchored in seventeen (17) fathoms of water to forty-five (45) fathoms of bow anchor chain, to the following true bearings: Buna Buoy 200° (T). Dock at Buna 228° (T). Point of land 175° (T). Checked bearings frequently. So to end of watch.

Lt. (j.g.) F. F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

2000 to Midnight

Anchored off Buna, New Guinea in seventeen (17) fathoms of water to forty-five (45) fathoms of bow anchor chain. 2215 Making preparations to get underway. 2225 Heave around on bow anchor 2230 Underway on various speeds and courses. 2330 In formation,in position one eight (18). 2345 Set base course 325° (T). So to end of watch.

G W Yeoman
Lt. (jg) G. W. Yeoman

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G W Yeoman
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UNITED STATES SHIP L.S.T. #204 Friday (Day) 31 (Date) December (Month), 1943

ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Midnight to 0400

Underway in Huon Gulf, in formation of L.S.Ts in position two (2), section two (2); L.S.T. #459 as guide. Base course 325° (T), on base speed standard. 0220 C/B/C to 005° (T). 0340 C/B/C to 315° (T). So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) R. Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

0400 to 0800

Underway on base course 315° (T), in formation of L.S.Ts in position two (2), section two (2). Base speed at nine (9) knots. 0740 C/B/C to 035° (T). Formed column open order. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) F. F. Piggins
Lt. (jg) F. F. Piggins

0800 to Meridian

Underway in formation as before on base course 035° (T). 1130 Formed one six (16) on section leader. 1140 Section two (2) formed one six (16) on convoy guide L.S.T. #459. Inspected magazines and smokeless powder samples; condition found dry and normal. 1145 C/B/c to 354° (T). So to end of watch.

G W Yeoman
Lt. (jg) G. W. Yeoman

Meridian to 1600

Underway in convoy of L.S.Ts in Huon Gulf as before on base course 354° (T). 1302 Exercised at drills. 1309 Secured from drills. 1507 C/B/C to 325° (T). 1555 Submarine sighted to starboard. All hands to quarters. Escort destroyers dropping depth charges. 1558 Turned 45° (T) to starboard. So to end of watch.

Lt (jg) R. Lazarus
Lt. (jg) R. M. Lazarus

1600 to 2000

Underway in formation of L.S.T.s as before. 1610 Turned 45° (T) to port. 1630 Secured from General Quarters. 1715 Resumed formation. Sections formed, our position two (2), section two (2) in column open order. So to end of watch.

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Ens. E. F. New

2000 to Midnight

Underway in formation of L.S.T.s on base course 325° (T), in position two (2), section (2) two 2105 C/B/C to 000° (T). 2350 C/B/C to 056° (T). All reported secure about ship, so to end of watch.

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